

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1999 SESSION

## CHAPTER 577

*An Act to amend and reenact § 20-78.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to support orders; garnishments; federal benefits.*

[S 1092]

Approved March 27, 1999

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 20-78.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 20-78.1. Effect of entry of support order in certain garnishment proceedings.

A. A *judgment for arrearage*, or an order or decree of support for a spouse or support and maintenance of a child or children entered under the provisions of this chapter or §§ 16.1-278.15 through 16.1-278.18, 20-103 and 20-107.1 through 20-109 may be enforced in any garnishment proceeding in which the liability is against the United States of America ~~only after arrearage has been reduced to judgment.~~

B. Except as otherwise provided herein, the provisions of Article 7 (§ 8.01-511 et seq.) of Chapter 18 of Title 8.01 shall govern such garnishment. Any garnishment under the provisions of this section shall continue until *modified by the issuing court, or in the case of an arrearage, until* the sum or sums of money found to be in arrears ~~in the judgment of the court~~ are paid in full ~~or 180 days have elapsed, whichever first occurs.~~

C. The provisions of this section shall apply to arrearages accumulated prior to and after July 1, 1976.